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3rd August 1956

My dear Maharaja Saheb:

I received Your Highness' letter of the 31st July. I am quite clear in my mind that our first consideration should be that we should not do anything that would militate against the Government of India's decision in regard to your Highness' position in the new State. If the Government of India decides to appoint Your Highness as the Governor of the new Karnataka State, it is for the President to decide whether, consistent with Your Highness' responsibilities, to allow you to go abroad for any of those assignments mentioned in Viswanathan's letter. We can only consider this question in the event of the Government of India deciding not to have you as the head of the new State. If Your Highness were to say that you prefer one alternative, or the other, and that they should put forward your name for going abroad next year, the Government of India may feel that Your Highness is not keen to become the head of the State. I do not want that impression to be created at all.

In the circumstances my preference is to tell Viswanathan that for the reasons already indicated to him by you, Your Highness' name need not be considered for 1957; and that when the position is clear Your Highness would indicate to him your preference in regard to the alternatives suggested.

With best regards,

Yours ever sincerely,

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Your Highness,

I was glad to receive your letter of July 31st and I am very happy indeed at the suggestion of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi. As stated in the letter of Mr. Viswanathan, the two Committees meet generally in New York. The Social Commission deals with the social problems generally and does not touch upon any controversial issue. The Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories is also of interest but occasionally, matters of some controversy may arise. This Committee considers reports from the Specialised Agencies like Unesco, WHO, etc. regarding the educational advancement of the territories concerned, the social and economic aspects of the development of these territories and the association of the people of the Non-Self-Governing Territories with the progressive stages of self-determination. It is interesting work but it may sometimes involve the

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discussion of some controversial topics. Your Highness may also receive instructions from the Government to pursue a certain line in discussing these matters. As such, it may sometimes not be in tune with your temperament and methods of approach.

This is my first reaction to the proposals but I feel that Your Highness should accept one or other of these. As my brother knows these Committees more intimately than I do, I naturally feel that his advice will be very much more useful and may be deemed the determining factor.

I hope Your Highness will be pleased to accept nomination to one or other of these two Committees. I am very happy indeed that you will, after all, play your role as befits your ripe knowledge, great experience and wisdom.

With respectful regards,
Yours very sincerely,

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